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SUBJECT: LATIN AMERICA BRIEF [REDACTED] FOR 1 AUGUST 1986.

FROM: DDI/O/CPAS.

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1. CHILE-US: STRAINED RELATIONS

//CHILEAN OFFICIALS BELIEVE RELATIONS WITH THE US WILL CONTINUE
TO DETERIORATE.//

// [REDACTED] BILATERAL TENSIONS HAVE RISEN
SINCE THE BURNING INCIDENT INVOLVING TWO YOUTHS--ONE A LONGTIME US
RESIDENT--AND BECAUSE OF US CRITICISM OF PRESIDENT PINOCHET'S
PERFORMANCE ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND DELAY OF A TRANSITION TO CIVILIAN
RULE. [REDACTED] CHILEAN OFFICIALS HAVE REACTED SHARPLY TO THE
CRITICISM, AND SOME HAVE CALLED PUBLICLY FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE US
AMBASSADOR BECAUSE HE ATTENDED THE FUNERAL OF ONE OF THE BURNING
VICTIMS LAST MONTH.//

[REDACTED]

COMMENT: //SANTIAGO IS LIKELY TO SHOW IRRITATION BY IMPOSING
NEW VISA REQUIREMENTS ON US VISITORS AND ADMINISTRATIVELY HARASSING
US DIPLOMATS. CHILEAN OFFICIALS ALSO PROBABLY WILL CONTINUE THEIR

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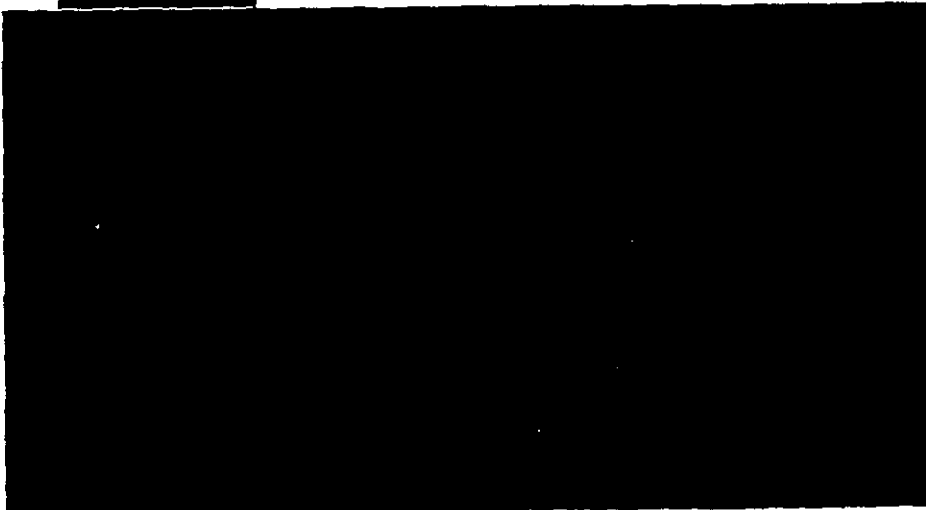
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PUBLIC CRITICISM OF THE US AMBASSADOR AND CAREFULLY MONITOR HIS
CONTACTS WITH OPPOSITION GROUPS.// [REDACTED]

//PINOCHET, WHO TENDS TO BE OBSTINATE IN THE FACE OF PRESSURE,
IS NOT HEEDING ADVISERS WHO FAVOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND POLITICAL
REFORMS. HE APPARENTLY IS TRYING TO PROTECT HIS STANDING WITH
RIGHTWING GROUPS, THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY, AND THE MILITARY THROUGH
NATIONALISTIC APPEALS AND CLAIMS THAT THE US IS INTERFERING IN
CHILE'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS. HE PROBABLY WILL EVENTUALLY APPROVE AT
LEAST COSMETIC HUMAN RIGHTS CHANGES AND ANNOUNCE HIS INTENTION TO
MAKE POLITICAL REFORMS SUCH AS LEGALIZING PARTIES, HOWEVER, BECAUSE
HE HOPES TO HEAD OFF UNFAVORABLE UN ACTION AND US OPPOSITION TO NEW
LOANS TO CHILE.// [REDACTED]

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